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The Honorable Sam Farr U.S. House of Representatives 100 West Alisal Street Salinas, CA 93901

Support for Wild & Scenic River Protection

Dear Representative Farr,

The Carmel Valley Association supports Wild & Scenic River Protection for the Arroyo Seco River, Tassajara Creek and Church Creek, Big Creek, Carmel River and Miller Fork, north and south forks of the Little Sur River, Nacimiento River, San Antonio River, San Carpoforo Creek, and Willow Creek. We believe that Wild & Scenic designation will protect these waterways' outstanding recreational, cultural, ecological, scenic and other remarkable values.

As members of the Carmel River community, we agree that the wildlife of the river's rich riparian habitat deserve protection. The Carmel River is home to the endangered California red-legged frog, threatened steelhead, as well as sensitive Southwestern pond turtles. We also believe that its cultural values, including Esselen Indian archaeological sites deserve the protection that Wild & Scenic designation would provide.

In summary, we believe that the federal protection as proposed by Friends of the River and the Ventana Wilderness Alliance is desirable for all of the rivers listed above. Please count the Carmel Valley Association as a supporter of adding these rivers to the National Wild & Scenic Rivers System.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Glenn E. Robinson

President